GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF PAN NUMBER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Income Tax assessees circle-wise in the country particularly in Karnataka Circle;

(b) out of which, how many of them have been given PAN so far ;

(c) whether it come to the notice of the Government that there is a delay in settling refund and redressing the grievances of the assessees; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to provide PAN to all Income Tax assessees and to streamline the refund and grievance systems?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

a) The total number of Income Tax assessees in the country is 2,46,04,621 as on 31.5.2001.The number of assessees in Karnataka and Goa region as on 30.6.2001 is 13,03,563.

b) The Income Tax department has received a total 2,10,72,032 applications for allotment of Permanent Account Numbers - out of which 2,07,03,081 applications have been processed upto 30th June, 2001 and 1,93,70,807 Permanent Account Numbers have been allotted.

The total number of PAN applications received in Karnataka and Goa region are 9,60,948 out of which PAN has been allotted in 9,06,608 cases.

c) All possible steps whenever delay in refunds are noticed are taken for early issue of refunds and redressing various grievances of the assessees.

d) Facility of across the counter allotment of PAN from any Personal Computer connected on the network has been put in use in 36 cities. All the computer centres of the Department have been asked to make all out efforts for expeditious allotment of PAN and issue of PAN card to the applicants.